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1. According to a letter of appreciation addressed to the Paraguayan Communist National Finance and Propaganda Commissions, and to the Communist Youth Federation, the Secretary-General of the Paraguayan Communist Party (PCP) stated that the recent financial campaign for the defense of Obdulio Barthe, imprisoned PCP leader, raised 20,000 guaranies, which amounted to 5,000 guaranies over the quota. The letter stated that the campaign had run for a period of 90 days, and that 10,000 handbills had been distributed during this period.
2. Stating that the campaign was of great political and economic importance, the Secretary-General declared that hundreds of workers from all sectors, including workers of the Colorado Party, had participated. In conclusion, the Secretary-General said that the victorious campaign had revealed immediate possibilities for the application of the Party line in several ways: first, in the mobilization of the Paraguayan people for the realization of immediate national economic demands; second, for the formation of united resistance of the people against North American domination; third, for the expulsion of all foreign organizations that threaten the national sovereignty, such as the Point IV Program; fourth, against the sending of Paraguayan soldiers to Korea; and fifth, for the formation of a civil-military government of transition which would pave the way for a constitutional government in Paraguay.

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Comment. Source was unable to explain the discrepancies as to the length of time the campaign was to run and the amount of money the PCP was trying to raise, as reported in [REDACTED]

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